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NEAR H-3 AIRFIELD, IRAQ

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3. IN OCT 64, THE TURKISH MILITARY ATTACHE OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 40 T-54 TANKS IN BIVOUAC AT H-3. IN ADDITION HE OBSERVED AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF T-54 TANKS ON THE H-3 TO BAGHDAD ROAD.
4. LATER DURING THE SAME MONTH AN AMERICAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE REPORTED THAT BETWEEN 9 MILES AND 22 MILES WEST OF H-3 AIRFIELD THERE WERE 80 TANKS, 30 EMPTY TANK TRAILERS, 50 TENTS, AND MANY ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND TRUCKS.
5. THE US ARMY ATTACHE REPORTED THAT UNITS IDENTIFIED IN NOV 64 AT H-3 WERE THE 2ND, 4TH, AND 5TH TANK REGIMENTS, THE 1ST MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION, AND POSSIBLY THE 21ST FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT.

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6. IRAQI UNITS ARE BEING MOVED TO THE NORTHEAST IN PREPARATION FOR AN EXPECTED FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DISSIDENT KURDISH GUERRILLAS. THE 2ND TANK REGIMENT HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM H-3 AND MOVED TO THE NORTHEAST (KHANAQIN), AND THE 4TH AND 5TH TANK REGIMENTS HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO WITHDRAW FROM H-3 AND MOVE TO THE NORTHEAST TO UNDERTERMINED LOCATIONS IN KURDISTAN. THE 1ST AND 3RD TANK REGIMENTS HAVE BEEN ALTERED TO REPLACE THE ABOVE UNITS AT H-3. [REDACTED]

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THOSE UNITS AT H-3 WERE THE 4TH AND 5TH TANK REGIMENTS WITH 78 T-54 TANKS AND THE 1ST MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION WITH 60 BTR 152 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS. IN ADDITION TO THESE UNITS AT H-3 THE 21ST FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT WITH 18 25-POUNDERS IS POSSIBLY AT H-3.

7. THIS MISSION REVEALS A TRAINING AND 2 BIVOUAC AREAS 4 NM WEST OF H-3 AIRFIELD.

THE MAIN BIVOUAC AREA CONTAINS 538 TENTS IN 8 SEPARATE AREAS, FORTY-ONE TANKS/SP GUNS, 4 PROBABLE TANK TRAILERS, 18 PROBABLE FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES WITH POSSIBLE LIMBERS, APPROXIMATELY 200 TRUCKS, AND APPROXIMATELY 228 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT.

A SECOND SMALL BIVOUAC AREA, 2 NM NORTH OF THE MAIN BIVOUAC AREA, CONTAINS 55 TENTS, TWENTY-EIGHT TRUCKS, AND 21 TRAILERS.

THE TRAINING AREA, 2 NM NE OF THE MAIN BIVOUAC AREA, CONTAINS TEN TENTS, A NUMBER OF STORAGE REVETMENTS, OPEN STORAGE, FORTY TANKS/

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SP GUNS, AND 12 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT. TRAINING
FACILITIES INCLUDE ARTILLERY BATTERIES AND INFANTRY TRAINING AREAS.

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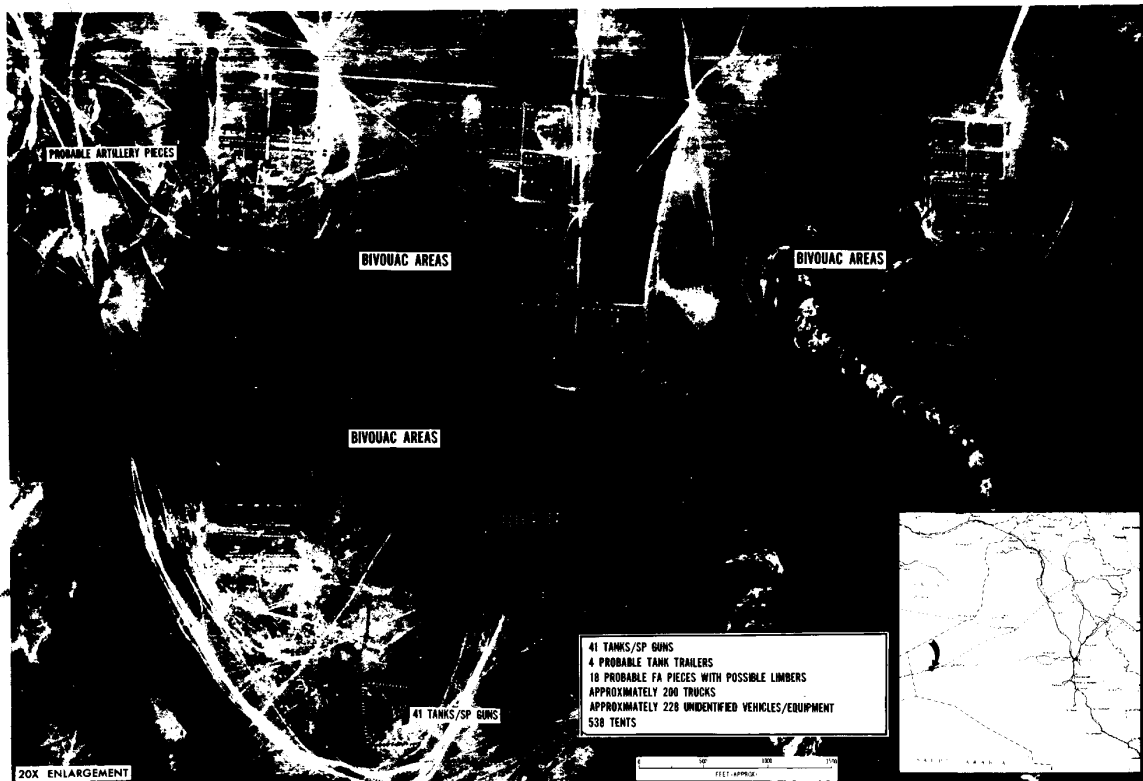
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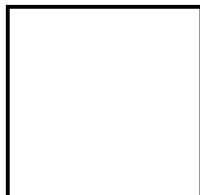


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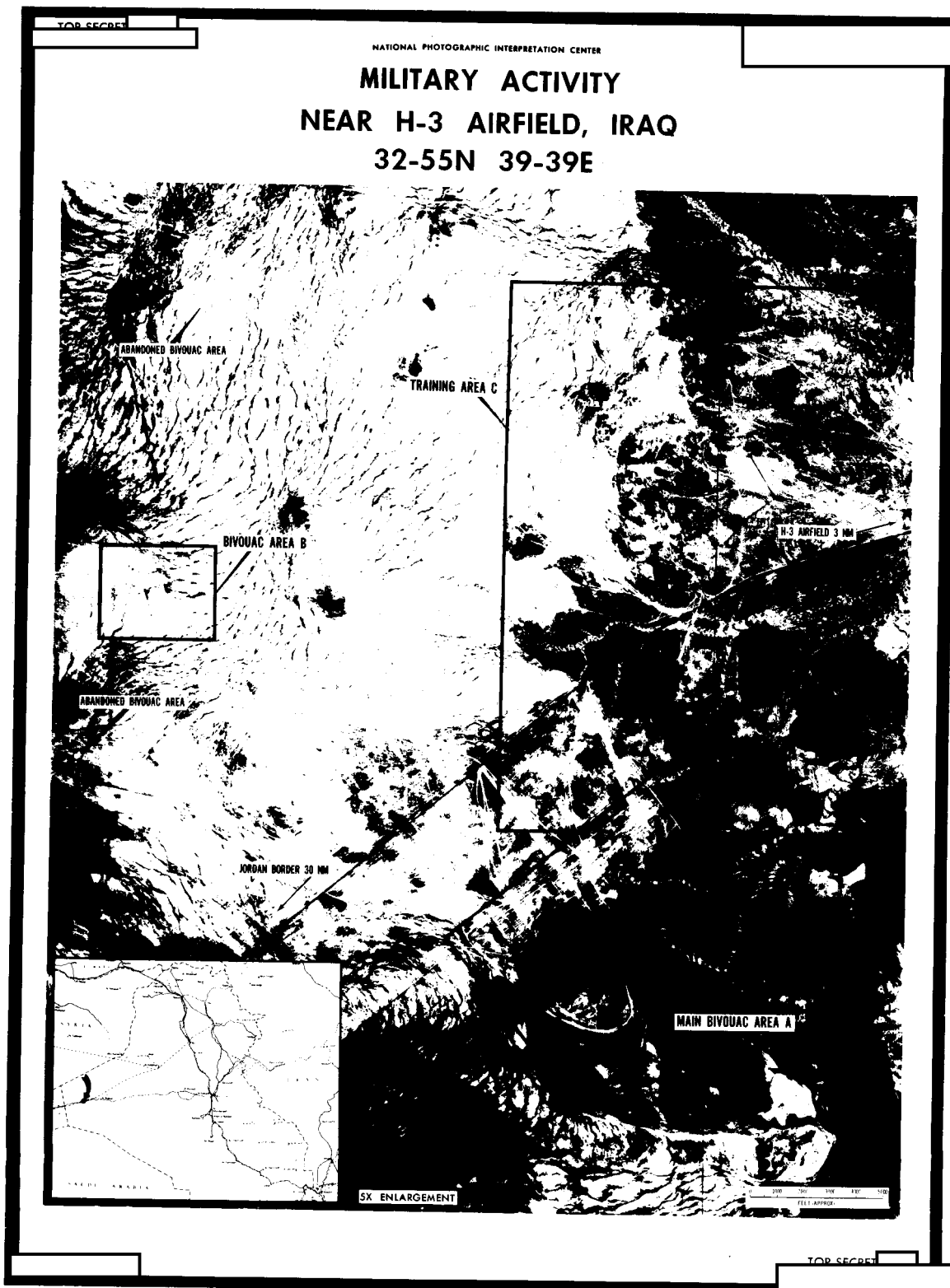
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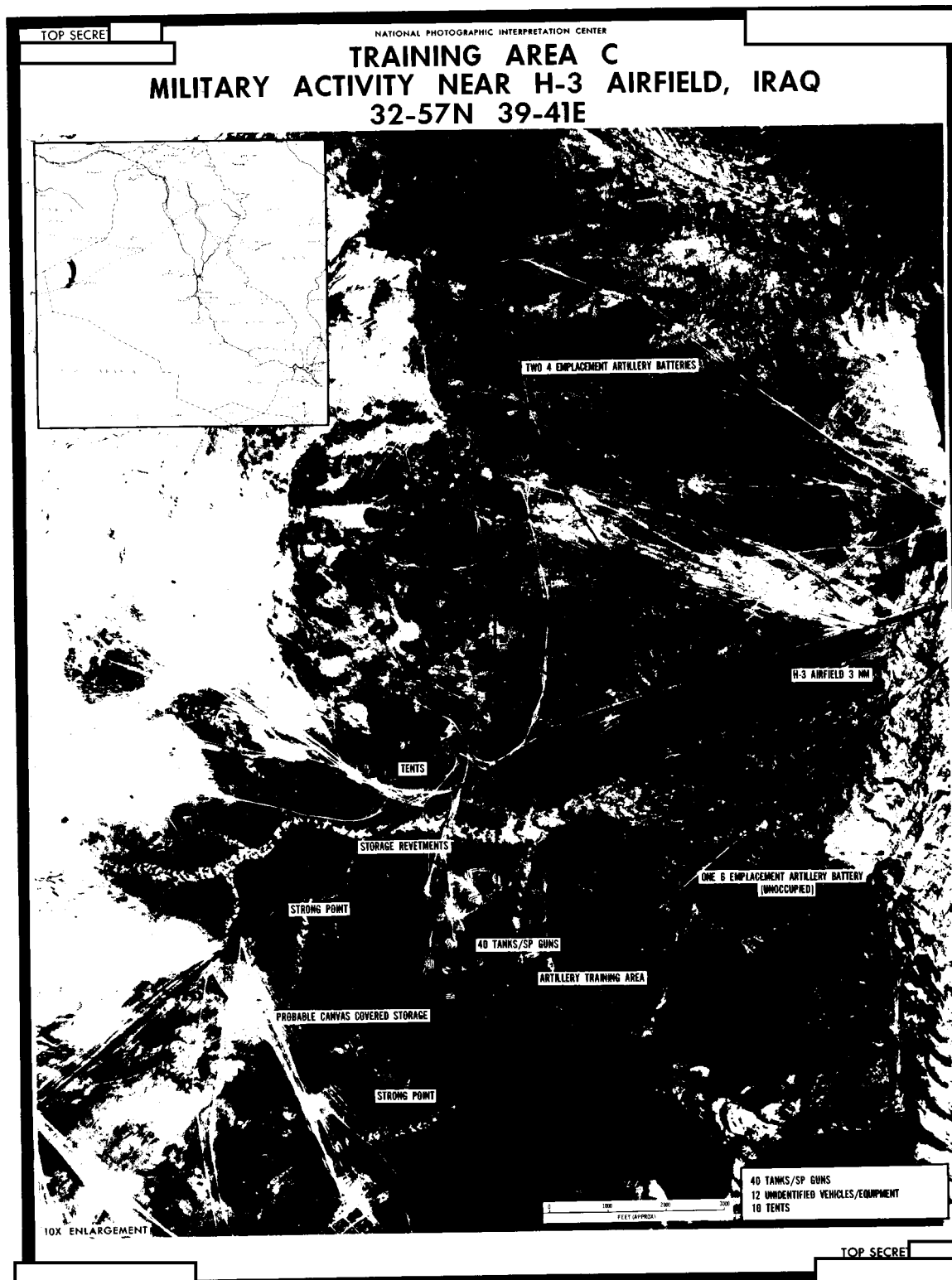


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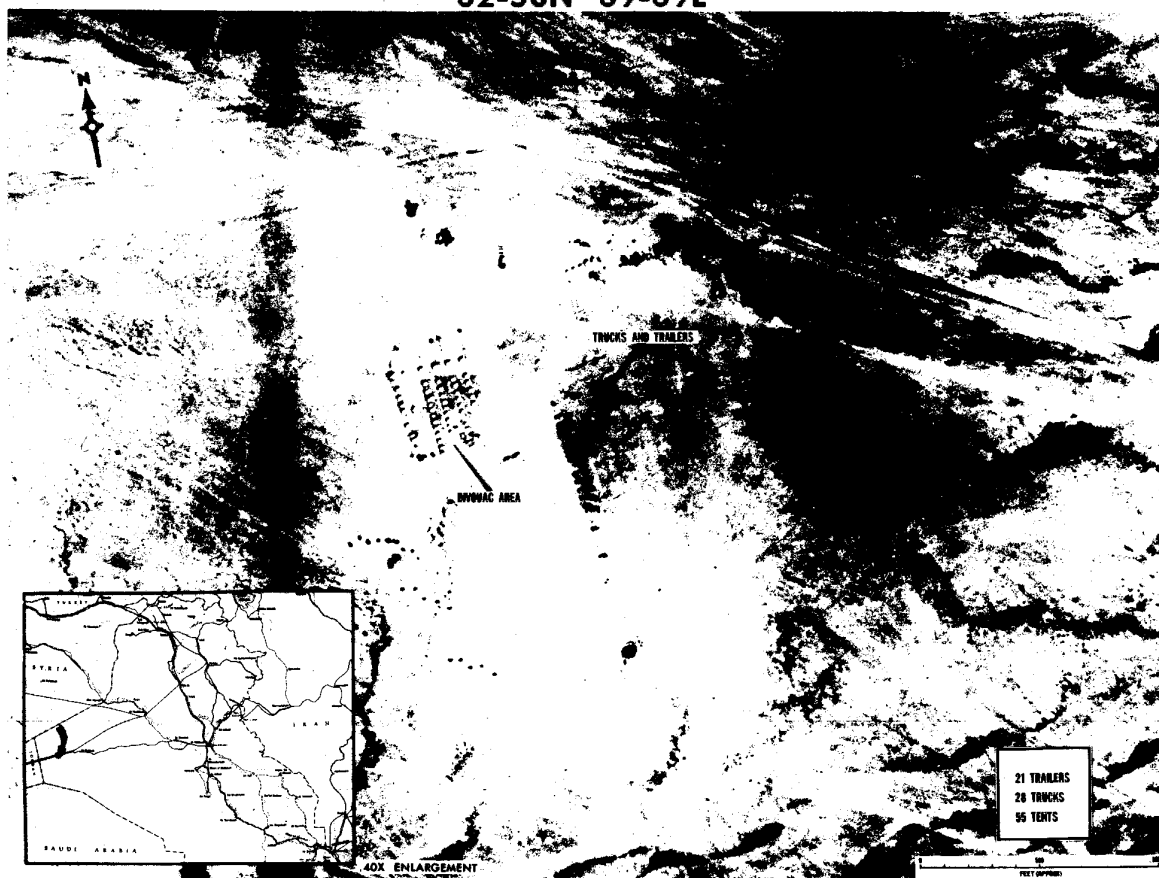




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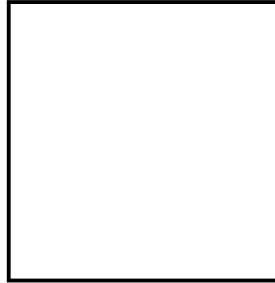
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